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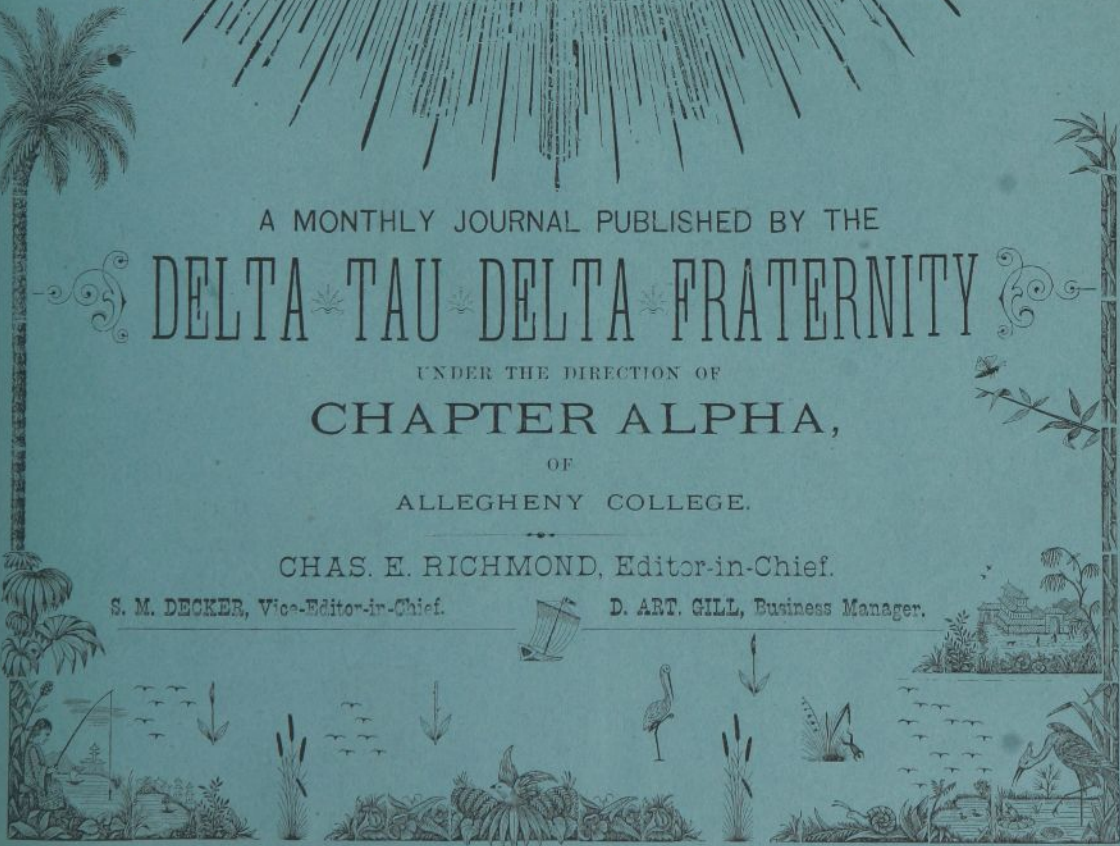
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*"May no cloud obscure the Crescent
Of our good old Delta Tau."*

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DELTA TAU DELTA BANQUETING SONG.

BY J. HARRY GEISSINGER.

Tune—"Fairy Belle."

Be gone now all labor,
And depart each cumbering care,
We meet but for pleasure
With our hearts as light as air,
And sounds falling sweetest
On each loyal Delta ear,
Are the clinking of our glasses,
And the passing of our cheer.

Delta Tau, glorious Delta Tau,
Bring we our off'rings
To thy altar here and now,—
Delta Tau, our Queen of laurel'd brow,
Sing we devotion
To thee, dear Delta Tau.

Increased be our crescent,
And our stars more brilliant shine,
Grow strong and still stronger
Love enkindled at our shrine,
Be Beauty and Goodness
Only watchword of our way,
Our vows that we seal by night
Be deeds by open day.

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WHAT MAKES OUR FRATERNITY SUCCEED?

MAN may as well ask this question of himself—
What makes me succeed? And then he begins a retrospective view of his life—his success and failures, his ups and downs. Just now, when there is so much stir concerning our origin and history, our fraternity presents this interesting question. For twenty years it has existed, it has spread, it has increased, it has succeeded; and what has been the cause? But the question is not easily solved; there may be many reasons and answers given but none are quite satisfactory. Above all things it has persisted—a long, unending, undying and unconquerable persistency has led it up to the foothold of success and permanence. The failure of one season was the guide board for the next, and upon that attempt we mounted our banner and held the fort.

Gaining success was like building an island out of sand, but so long as the corals kept crawling up, the top came nearer the surface. Because we can't get this year what we want or ask is no reason for dropping our wishes. I remember Bro. Weems asked for a paper four years before he got it. And every time he got a chance, every time he attended a meeting or saw a brother, he talked about that paper, and finally it came. —It is just like the child learning its letters, it breaks down the first time and can't get them, but repeating them day after day, it soon learns them all.

The brother who is despondent or dubious over Delta Tau's future, has no spirit in his heart and no hope in his soul, and should he continue so, his chapter ought to expel him.

The lesson of the child learning its letters, and our example of building up our society, is only another personification of human life. The history of a successful man is only another story of persistent and untiring efforts to reach an end. Already we are reaping the success of this principle applied to our fraternity. It has, through the untiring efforts of many, reached a foothold from which nothing can dislodge it.

The history of the individual and the chapter is the same. When a member stays away from meetings, don't take the paper, never answers correspondents, nor performs his assigned duties, he is done for. When a chapter begins to neglect its duties, fails to hold meetings, collect dues or escape its allotted work, the spirit has died out and soon it will be dead.

Therefore wake up, my brethren, shine your armor, shake off your laziness, go to work, subscribe for the CRESCENT and get your neighbor to do the same—"make hay while the sun shines."

Gould never made any money by waiting for some other fellow to agitate stocks, but he went down into Wall street and stirred up the animals, and pretty soon there was loud howling.

Talmage can't preach a great sermon by waiting for some other man to write it, but he goes to work himself with a vim.

So, by the labors of some good brothers, our fraternity has a good paper—and may, by continued acts of perseverance and devotion, have other glowing additions.

A few years ago I was approached by a member of THETA chapter and asked to donate a small sum of money for a chapter house. I laughed and promised. I had no idea such a thing could be accomplished, but long since that chapter hall has been completed and dedicated. It was a laborious job, but the spirit to accomplish and succeed was in those Deltas and they have their monument. And I say to you all, that if you have any spirit, great things may be accomplished by perseverance.

CINO.

January 10th, 1881.

THE FOUNDERS OF OUR CHAPTER AT JEFFERSON COLLEGE.



On the night of February 22d, 1831, Rhodes S. Sutton and Samuel S. Brown, both students at Jefferson College, rode on horseback from Canonsburg, Pa., to Bethany, Va., for the purpose of being initiated into the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, thus becoming the charter members of, and prime movers in establishing the first branch chapter of our fraternity. They returned to Canonsburg, with the necessary documents, the same night, after a ride of 44 miles through a wild and rough country which was then exhibiting numerous evidences of the impending civil war.

This chapter, upon the demise of our Bethany chapter during the war, took charge of the affairs of our Fraternity as its ALPHA chapter until, in 1868, Jefferson College was consolidated with Washington College at Washington, Pa.

We take pleasure in publishing this month a sketch of the career of Bro. Sutton, and hope to be able to publish that of Bro. Brown at an early date; we believe that all Deltas will read them with interest.

Bro. Rhodes Stansbury Sutton graduated from Jefferson College as A. B. in 1862, and took his A. M. degree in the following year; he had in the meantime read medicine and was soon afterwards commissioned Ass't Surgeon of the 9th Regiment, Pa. Vol. Cavalry. After serving the cause of the Union for one year, he resigned and attended a course of lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, whence he graduated in March, 1865. He then taught anatomy until the fall of 1866, when he removed to Pittsburgh where he has since followed his profession with remarkable success; he is one of the most prominent and respected practitioners of that city. He is well known as a contributor to medical journals and an active member of several of the most noted medical societies.

In 1871 he represented the profession of Pittsburgh at the meeting of the American Medical Association in San Francisco, when he was made an honorary member of the State Medical Society of California. In 1876 he was elected Fellow of the American Academy of Medicine which, in 1879, further honored him with the Vice Presidency. He became Associate Fellow of the Philadelphia Obstetrical Society in 1878 and of the American Gynecological Society in 1879. At the Concourse in January, 1880, in Rush Medical College, Chicago, he won the prize, the lectureship in Gynecology, and in September of last year, he received a call to the Chair of Operative Surgery from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore. This honorable offer, however, he was compelled to decline in order to lecture on his specialty at Chicago.

Bro. Sutton, in spite of his professional activity, is an enthusiastic Delta, who will always continue to maintain his interest in our Fraternity's welfare and progress. He is a man of whom we can eminently be proud.

HISTORY OF THE IOTA.

II. PAPER.

THE room asked for was only a recitation room which could be used without risk of damage, or expense to the institution. But would any request be granted a *secret society*? Not probable. 'Twould more likely be forbidden existence within the jurisdiction of the hostile faculty. It would not do to let the faculty know it was a *secret society*. A committee appeared before the President of the college to ask for the use of the old agricultural room for the use of the new society.

In his usually deliberate and scrutinizing way the President said: "Bring in your constitution and we will consider it." That was an emergency unprovided for; but, not to be baffled by trifles, and with a determination worthy a modern Greek, it was met. A committee was appointed to prepare a constitution for inspection by one not entitled to such a privilege. For this purpose a part of the original was used and a long constitution drawn up and copied into a long roll, filling so much paper as to make it probable that it would never be read. Thus would their risks be lessened.

On presentation, the President unrolled it with the remark, "Rather a long constitution for so young a society. It ought to be binding enough." (The committee were at least pleased with the prophecy.) However, the request was granted and Iota was given a regular place of meeting, though by no means a place worthy to be called a home.

General curiosity was not abated when the meetings were not denied but held with bolted doors. Those who could neither understand nor appreciate the real objects were bitter in their denunciations, and free to apply all manner of appellations to both the society and its members. But they were long in even guessing that the real cause was the existence of a chapter of a Greek Fraternity.

Meanwhile, the internal condition of the chapter was rapidly being improved by her zealous and favored few. The mere novelty of the enterprise was gradually displaced by an earnest belief in the practicability of it. The brothers found their new ties of practical and pleasant advantage, socially, morally and educationally. They learned to believe in all that Iota promised. They learned the potency and charm of secrecy, and these kept within them a faithful and hopeful disposition, even while being driven from one class-room to another, until finally more permanently located in the Entomological room, the walls of which were ornamented (?) with the skeletons of departed "bugs," and the close proximity of which to the dissecting room gave the whole apartment the smell of the grave. It must be said as an apology for holding the meetings in such a room that there were no rooms to be rented, being three miles from the city, and the chapter was too poor to build.

But the work of building up a chapter, worthy of the fraternity, was in such strange contrast to the surroundings that the whole was given a lustre not more easily acquired amid the most elegant surroundings. Indeed, of such a marked advantage were the meetings, of such general good to the members, that it was, within a year, safe to tell the officers of the college of its real nature and aims. Soon after a member of the faculty joined the brotherhood and no more dissatisfaction was heard from that source. The Prof. proved an interested mem-

ber. The few members were punctual and active. Literary exercises were soon introduced, which in absence of open literary societies, proved valuable in affording an immediate and elevating object, while the more important object, that which makes a national-wide fraternity desirable, was slower to rise into importance and favor.

No outward signs of membership were as yet indulged in, though as one of the Profs. has since told your historian, there was a culture growing out of it which was a badge of membership easily identified. New members began to be initiated, and the wise selections made at so critical a period has made our charter members deserving the high esteem in which they are held by those who have since enjoyed what they created. Among those who were thus early and cautiously chosen to become members were Prof. A. J. Cook, B. T. Halstead, J. P. Findley, G. E. Kedzie, C. E. Miller, R. C. Williamson and Wm. Caldwell, each of whom is today eminent in his vocation. At this time the membership was limited to twenty-five, which number was the limit until the summer of 1875, when it was changed to thirty where it still remains.

HISTORIAN.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

WHEW!!

ΔΤΔ had organized a chapter at Kenyon this year, but was peremptorily ordered to disband by the college President. The Delts say the end is not yet.—ΒΘΠ for November.

Delta Tau Delta *had* not organized a chapter at Kenyon. It was *not* peremptorily ordered to disband by the faculty, and the end is yet, for—

Latest advices from Kenyon report the founding of the Chi of Delta Tau Delta, with seven charter members, by Bro. E. E. Cheney, of Grand Chapter Mu, on Wednesday, Jan. 26th, 1881, with not only the full consent of the Faculty, but also with a compliment on securing first-class men. Bro. C. S. Crawford is their delegate to the Second Division Conference.

The idea of establishing a chapter of Delta Tau Delta at Kenyon College seems to have been abandoned.—ΒΘΠ for December.

"Things are seldom what they seem,
Skim milk masquerades for cream."

The *Melange*, of Lafayette College, is just out. It is one of the neatest of college annuals. Delta Tau Delta

is without a representation on the board of editors.—B Θ Π for December, '80.

The *Melange*, of Lafayette College, is *not* out, and *will not be out till spring*. Delta Tau Delta is represented on the editorial staff by Bro. Seibert '82. The B Θ Π is cultivating quite a reputation. Some of the products of its imagination like the above would put to blush old Baron Munchausen himself.

A BIT OF HISTORY.

FROM THE BETA THETA PI OF NOV.

THE following facts will be of interest to all BETAS, and serve to show how a man can be a *bona fide* member of two rival fraternities.

On March 26th, 1859, was founded the Virginia Delta Chapter of Φ K Ψ at Bethany College, West Virginia. The faculty was much opposed to secret societies, especially as the Phi Psis, by means of their superior organization, immediately captured the important offices in the literary societies, and bred discontent and discord among the students. The faculty finally decreed that the society should not be allowed to exist beyond the session of 1859-60, unless at that time other secret societies were in existence in the college. But the opposition to the Phis had already crystallized into a *quasi* organization, and in the fall of 1859 was organized by W. R. Cunningham principally the society of Δ T Δ; the original motto of which meant, "We give honors justly," and sufficiently explains its animus. This society was, according to the story of one of its founders, endowed with the complete organization of a secret fraternity as such exists to-day, and according to others, it was simply a loosely bound together clique. The truth we cannot at this distance of time ascertain. At any rate, before November, 1860, the Δ T Δ had so far lapsed into inactivity that some of its members joined another society. Alfred T. Pope had been initiated into Pi chapter of B Θ Π at Indiana University. Coming to Bethany in the fall of 1860, he saw good material for a BETA chapter, and determined to found one. The nearest chapter was Nu, at Washington, Pa. On December 9th, 1860, the southern students at Washington College invited the southern students of Bethany College to a supper. Pope took advantage of this opportunity and that same evening J. H. Bate, Erasmus Frazier, T. T. Holton, B. S. Keene, C. M. B. Thurmond and W. R. Cunningham were initiated into B Θ Π by Nu chapter, and formed the charter members of the new chapter, which was termed Psi.

Cunningham left Bethany December 18th, 1860, and never met with the chapter. At his own request he

was expelled by the Psi of *B Θ Π chapter a few weeks since. He never had anything to do with the B Θ Π beyond the act just mentioned. The chapter thus organized afterwards initiated J. D. Lowe and J. L. N. Hunt, who together with B. S. Keene, T. T. Holton, above mentioned, were at the same time Δ T Δ's. Just before the outbreak of the civil war in April, 1861, the Delta Tau Deltas and presumably those not connected with the B Θ Π, reorganized sufficiently to establish a chapter at Jefferson College in Pennsylvania, and in July they placed a chapter at West Liberty College, West Virginia. Some say that the latter event was simply a students' frolic, and was never intended to be anything serious. By 1864 both the BETAS and DELTAS no longer existed as active chapters, Δ T Δ being re-established in 1867 and B Θ Π in 1872. So we see that Hunt and Lowe are both BETAS and DELTAS.

*Eds.



GREEK WORLD.



X Φ has only five seniors at Cornell.

Upsilon of X Φ at Hobart, is no more.

A T Ω has eleven active and two alumni chapters.

X Φ has founded an alumni chapter at Baltimore.

Φ Γ Δ has two new chapters. They are *sub rosa* yet.

Φ Γ Δ's next convention is to assemble at Chautauqua.

Φ Δ Θ has an alumni chapter in process of organization at Chicago.

B Θ Π's, Eastern Division, is agitating the project of a conference.

The last congress of A T Ω met at Macon, Ga., on Dec. 29th, 1880.

A Δ Φ will celebrate its semi-centennial at New York City in 1882.

Rev. Chas. N. Sims, D. D. the new President of Syracuse University, is a member of Φ Γ Δ.

Φ K Ψ at Wooster has recently augmented its ranks by the initiation of two Φ Δ Θs and one Σ X.

Ohio Beta of Φ K Ψ has taken in Dr. A. A. Willits, of Philadelphia, as an honorary member.

One of the four A Ts who departed from Mercersburg to F. and M., has been taken in by X Φ.

Δ Ψ, of Columbia, has a club-house which cost it \$14,000, a large part of which sum was raised by mortgage.

It is said that A Δ Φ has refused the request for a charter from six men at the University of Pennsylvania.

The President of Indiana State University has expressed his determination to break up the fraternities sooner or later.

A Δ Φ is considering the advisability of extending its borders west and south; as now constituted it is almost wholly confined to the Eastern States.

The son of the Governor of Indiana is a Δ T Δ. His father is a B Θ Π and there was a chapter of that fraternity at the institution where he was initiated with Δ T Δ.

X Φ has refused to grant a charter to Washington and Jefferson College because it was not a first-class institution, yet X Φ has chapters at Muhlenburg, Hampden, Sidney, Kentucky Military Institute and others.

The Alpha, of Σ X, have had, individually, some trouble with the faculty which resulted in the prolonged absence of several members, including their oldest member, who is, by their custom, the chief presiding officer.

The Σ A E *Record*, after being published a year, has been discontinued. This was, during its existence, the most liberal fraternity journal published, and we are sorry to hear of its suppression and hope that it is only temporary.

We are pleased to place the A T Ω *Palm* on our exchange list. It is a very neat publication in magazine form, and the first number contains literary articles of much merit. It will be issued five times a year under the direction of the "High Council," at Richmond, Va. The A Ts should be proud of their paper and the CRESCENT wishes it all success.

Beta Theta Pi received a pretty hard hit at the last convention of Delta Tau. W. R. Cunningham, after helping to found the latter Fraternity, left it and joined the Betas. At the Chicago Convention, however, a letter was read from him in which he announces to Δ T Δ his formal withdrawal from B Θ Π. The announcement was received with great applause.—*Chi Phi Quarterly*.

The College Fraternity, strictly speaking, arises from a longing in the breasts of young men to give and receive sympathy and encouragement in college pursuits. It is neither desirable nor possible to be on a friendly footing with every man at a great seat of learning, and small groups of congenial spirits, consequently, find pleasure and profit in falling into line under some fraternal banner.—A T Ω *Palm*.

A Δ Φ is governed during the intervals between conventions by a council of forty-nine members, thirty-three of whom reside in New York City, and the remaining sixteen chosen by the several chapters are resident ones near each chapter. The Council meets annually. An Executive Committee of nine is appointed by the Council which meets more frequently and trans-

acts the necessary business subject to the action of the Council at its annual sittings. This body was incorporated under the laws of New York, May 5th, 1879.

From the Wooster correspondent of the *Beta Theta Pi*: * * * * We now have another rival. The Delta Tau Delta surprised the students generally by planting a chapter here. They worked it up nicely—must admit that—and no one had an inkling of the matter. What made the surprise all the greater was the men they got. The majority of them were men who, heretofore, had been "anti-frats." They are all "moss-backs" and make a fine (?) crowd. The question among the "frats" now is, whether we shall let them on the "Index" this year or not.

The *Star and Crescent*, A Δ Φ's paper, the publication of which was commenced last year, is certainly a journal that any fraternity could feel proud of. It is printed quarterly on heavy magazine paper and its typography is perfect. The printed matter gives evidence of great care, and so far it is the fairest and most liberal fraternity journal published. In enumerating successes, due notice is taken of rivals, and the petty spite so common in many papers scarcely finds space here. The example of the *Star and Crescent* cannot help but be elevating in the journalism of the "Greek World," and we gladly welcome its appearance.

The correspondent of *Theta Deuteron* at O. W. U. writes to the *Phi Gamma Delta* as follows: "In conclusion let me say that as a chapter and as individuals we shall ever feel grateful to the members of Chi Phi and Phi Delta Theta for their expressed sympathy, and especially to Delta Tau-Delta for their courteous assistance in the bereavement which attended the death of our late Bro. Loyal. Whatever may arise, *Theta Deuteron* will ever remember that in the hour of affliction the members of these fraternities laid aside their prejudices and by their actions placed us under lasting obligations."

WELL!

The CRESCENT, of Δ T Δ, is discouraged about the prospects of its song book. It says the members fail to take that interest in the matter which they should, and adds, "the Fraternity does not seem to take hold of the matter at all." It can't even get a man to "buy, beg or borrow another Fraternity song book to take as a guide."—*Chi Phi Quarterly*.

The Delta Tau Delta Fraternity is succeeding very well in the work of publishing a song book. A committee appointed for the purpose are "pushing things" in a business way and many individual members are manifesting much interest in the matter, etc.—*The Phi Gamma Delta*.

SECOND DIVISION CONFERENCE.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED—A GOOD ATTENDANCE AND A JOLLY CROWD.

LAST Thursday morning, the day set for the First Annual Conference of the 2d Division, found the trains running into Akron, O., filled with Delts, all bent upon the same errand, like pilgrims of old coming from every side into Jerusalem. Owing to the fact that some of the delegates did not arrive until noon the Conference did not organize till 3 p. m., at which hour there gathered in the beautiful hall of the Eta the delegates together with many visiting fraters and resident alumni. Upon calling the roll of the Division, the following delegates were found to be present: Grand Chapter Mu, Bros. E. E. Cheney and E. W. Hetzler; Psi, Bros. J. A. Gordon and C. O. Johnson Sigma, Bros. W. L. Adams and E. J. March; Theta, Bro. J. L. Atkins; Eta, Bros. J. A. Motz and J. O. Simmons; Chi, Bro. C. S. Crawford. Beta was the only chapter not represented. The permanent organization was perfected by electing Bro. Hetzler, of Mu, as President, and A. E. Hyre, of Eta, as Secretary. Bro. Motz, of Eta, delivered a very cordial "Address of Welcome" which, in the absence of Beta, was responded to by Bro. Hetzler, of Mu. General business occupied the remainder of the session. In the evening an elegant

SOCIAL RECEPTION

was held in the beautiful suite of rooms of the Knights of Honor. Over thirty couples of Delts with their ladies were present. The evening's entertainment was a pronounced success. Among the numerous visiting Delts were noticed more prominently Bro. C. E. Jefferson, of Mu, and J. C. Rice, of Psi.

FRIDAY.

The forenoon session was devoted to speeches and talks on the condition and prospects of the Division and business of a general character. In the session of the

AFTERNOON

some very important business was transacted but which we are not allowed to report. In the

EVENING

a special session was held from 7 till 9 o'clock, in which business of importance to the general fraternity was transacted. At the close of the session a very happy event occurred in the initiation of J. W. McLain as the candidate of Mu. This is, we believe, the first man who ever had the honor of being initiated at a Conference or Convention, although Bro. Goodenough, of Pi, narrowly escaped something similar, happening to be present at Put-in-Bay while the 21st Convention was

assembled and making known that he was one of Pi's pledged men. After the initiation the boys bid good-bye to Eta's hall, and arm in arm marched down to the

BANQUET AT THE EMPIRE HOUSE

and at precisely 9:30 some thirty Delts took possession of the Empire's dining rooms and also of a large table loaded down with all that makes the heart glad. Mirth, jollity and eating ruled the hour. The toasts and responses of the evening were:—

"Original Founders,".....Bro. Atkins, of Theta.
 "Alpha and the Second Division,"...Bro. Crawford, of Xi.
 "The Delta Ladies and the Delta Boys," Bro. Hyre, of Eta.
 "The CRESCENT and our Alumni,".....Bro. Johnson, of Phi.
 "Our Grand Chapter and Constitution," Bro. March, of Sigma.
 "The Delta Tau Delta and Eta,".....Bro. Cheney, of Mu.

After the toasts, which were heartily responded to, as if the hearts of the speakers were in their subjects, a series of resolutions were adopted tendering the Eta a vote of thanks for courteous treatment received; then the boys adjourned to the parlors where Bro. Jefferson delivered a fine oration, entitled "Association." Bro. Adams, of Sigma, then read a poem written by Bro. Stanley, of Sigma, and sent to Conference. Bro. Gordon, of Psi, followed with a splendid oration on the "True Aim of Culture." After a number of miscellaneous exercises, too numerous to mention, the boys gave three ringing cheers for Delta Tau Delta, the Second Division, its First Annual Conference, the Eta, and then adjourned "in the morning by the bright light."

This ended the Conference of the Second Division, and taking into consideration the business transacted and the mutual acquaintance formed by the "boys of the Second," it can not be called anything but a grand success.

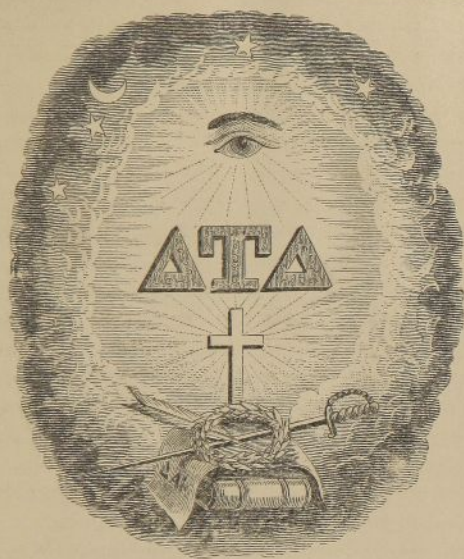
NOTES FROM OUR KNIFE BLADE.

The Delta Tau Delta CRESCENT gives several articles on the early history of its chapters, those treating of chapters founded *sub rosa* in colleges where fraternities were prohibited, are at times quite amusing. As usual the column devoted to the doings of other fraternities is full and interesting. Δ T Δ has just revived its chapter at Michigan University.—*The Star and Crescent*.

The CRESCENT, published monthly by the well-known Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, of which the Grand Chapter is located in this city, and which paper is published under its supervision, made an appearance at the opening of the new year that cannot help but elicit from journalists a hearty admiration for the manner with which the number was generally conducted. It is no exaggeration to say that no handsomer paper, from a general point of view, was ever published in this city, etc.—*Meadville Correspondent Pittsburgh Leader*.

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We delayed the CRESCENT several days to gain desirable news.

CHAPTER PSI, our new star, shows the best record in its term report.

We are much indebted to Bro. Trautwein, of Rho, for his interesting papers on our founders.

We return our thanks to Eta for her kind invitation to attend the Second Division Conference.

BROTHERS, please pay up your subscriptions. Do not compel the Business Manager to send personal duns.

Our colleague, the Business Manager, gives a glowing account of his visit to the boys of Rho, Nu and Pi. He wishes to return thanks to them all for their kind entertainment, and especially to Bro. Bruck, of the Rho, whose kindness and hospitality made doubly pleasant his sojourn in Gotham.

THE CRESCENT would be very much pleased to hear something from its Associate Editors at PHI, BETA, DELTA, EPSILON, THETA, KAPPA, PI and IOTA BETA. This makes the fifth number of volume four, and as yet we

have received not one word from these chapters. Brothers, this is not right. THE CRESCENT is published for your benefit and it is surely no great task to write us a letter every other month. The rest of the fraternity are anxious to know how you are getting along. We shall expect a letter from each one of you for the March number.

It is well known to Delts that some of our founders joined the B Θ Π fraternity during a period of inactivity in our parent chapter. Bro. W. R. Cunningham, to whom, probably more than any other person, we owe our origin, was one one of these, but, according to acknowledgements on both sides, he never met with the Beta's chapter. Below we publish two letters, one from Bro. Cunningham and one from Φ chapter, of B Θ Π, at Bethany:

To the Delta Tau Delta Brethren in National Convention, Chicago, Ill:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Recent information from Bro. A. P. Trautwein develops the fact that the B Θ Π's have been using my name to the injury of the Delta Fraternity. I therefore authorize you, as a body, to notify all the chapters of the fraternity that I have notified the B Θ Π's, through Mr. Wm. R. Baird, that my connection is forever dissolved with that fraternity. I would write you at length, but am suffering from a sore hand. I send this that you may, with authority, put the chapter in such a condition that they may repel the thrust that the founders of Delta Tau Delta are B Θ Π's.

In the bonds of Δ T Δ,

BATES CITY, Mo., Oct. 8, 1880. W. R. CUNNINGHAM.

BETHANY, WEST VA., December 8, 1880.

We, the undersigned members of Φ chapter, B Θ Π, knowing it to be the desire of W. R. Cunningham to sever his connection with the B Θ Π fraternity, do hereby extend to him the right of considering himself no longer a member of said fraternity.

J. C. ULRICH, Pres't.

R. J. MCKEE, Cor. Sec'y.

Bro. Cunningham is now a bona fide Delta, and as the prime mover in our organization, is deserving of the love, respect and veneration of all Delts. The biography of his life has been carefully compiled by Bro. Trautwein, of Rho, and will appear in the next number, together, we hope, with a picture of himself.

NOTICE TO CHAPTERS.

All chapters that have not already done so, should send fall term reports to their Grand Chapters at once.

It would be a great convenience to the Treasurer if the chapters would attend to the matter of sending to the Alpha, by the 15th of January, the number of their members—as per minutes of last convention.

A copy of minutes of last convention has been sent to each chapter. If any failed to receive them, please let me know at once.

J. A. WANN, Gen. Sec.



Alpha Locals.

Bro. Plummer remained in Meadville during the holiday vacation.

Several Meadville ladies have had $\Delta T \Delta$ engraved on their chatelains.

The editor is bound to color that meerschaum if it brings on a fit of sickness.

Alpha returns its best thanks to M. F. S. for their handsome Christmas cards.

Bro. Watson lately received an appointment on the staff of Col. Gray, of Pittsburgh.

Bro. Decker recently enjoyed quite an extended visit to Bradford, where his parents reside.

Bro. Jackson, being somewhat of a crayon artist, is an admirer of the Elizabethan style of architecture.

The Alpha acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to the Second Division Conference, held at Akron January 27th and 28th.

We this month present to the fraternity a new brother in the person of Mr. Frank Koester, who was initiated into the mysteries of our brotherhood on the evening of January 22d.

Bro. Gill reports a most enjoyable trip among the eastern chapters. He was very hospitably and fraternally entertained by Rho, Nu and Pi, which chapters he regards as exceedingly prosperous, and as important stars in the firmament of Delta Tau.

The editors of the *Alleghenian*, the paper published by the fraternities in this college, are Bros. Locke, Watson and White from the Delta Tau Delta, and an equal number from the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and $\Phi K \Psi$. Bro. Locke was selected as editor-in-chief at a recent meeting of the committee.

The January number of the *CRESCENT* received many flattering encomiums from the citizens of Meadville and vicinity. Bro. Richmond is endeavoring to give the paper the foremost position among fraternity journals, and it would be a source of much gratification to him if the old alumni and fraters would manifest sufficient in-

terest to occasionally furnish articles for the literary columns. In this department the organ of our order should be better sustained.

To Bro. L. L. Davis our chapter extends sincere congratulations upon the occasion of his marriage to Miss Anna Carter, which happy event occurred recently at North East, Pa. Bro. Davis is an alumnus of Alpha, and is an ardent enthusiast in all that pertains to Deltaism. May happiness attend our brother and sister all along the pathway of life, is the earnest wish of Alpha's members.

It seems as though the Meadville "cops" had some special spite against the officers of the *CRESCENT*, for, not satisfied with catching the Business Manager engineering the "bobs," they also collared the chairman of the mailing committee for the same offence. Bro. Cullum endeavored vainly to keep it quiet but he did not take into consideration the fact that the eyes of a newspaper man perceiveth all things. We beg of the rest of the staff to try and preserve the dignity of their positions.

First Grand Division.

NEWS FROM GRAND CHAPTER TAU.

LANCASTER, PA., JAN. 15th, 1881.

Dear Crescent: -I wish to say a few words through the columns of the *CRESCENT*. March will soon be here, and with it the inauguration of Gen. James A. Garfield. There is no doubt but that quite a number of Deltas will visit Washington that week, especially our alumni. Nothing would be pleasanter than for fraters living in different parts of the country to meet "face to face" in that city. This cannot be done without settling on some place as a headquarters. The Riggs House (a fine hotel) would be a suitable place. A "Delta Register" could then be kept, or the "boys" could drop in occasionally, with a certainty of meeting some brothers. Two or three from Tau will be in Washington during the ceremonies, and the meeting of their fraters would be as pleasant as the inauguration itself. The Tau would be glad to have their brothers take in Lancaster on their way to, or from Washington. Those from the West could take in Lancaster without deviating from the route. The boys of Tau will give you a warm and hearty reception. They will be on the lookout for Deltas. In Washington, don't fail to visit the Riggs House, and don't forget to wear your pins where they can be seen by fraters.

College opened on the 6th of January, so, of course, by this time everything is in working order.

All of the "Delta Boys" have returned with the exception of Bro. Snyder; he will be on hand in the

course of a week. The sickness of his mother has detained him.

Bros. Morris Reber and A. D. Elliot took a trip to Philadelphia to hear Sara Bernhardt, M. Callough, and the Voyagers in Southern Seas, by Jules Verne.

Bro. Cobb, of '82, paid a visit to York, Pa., during vacation. He is very well acquainted there, and seems very much *animated* with his N(annie.)

The Chi Phis have taken into their chapter an Alpha Gamma. He is an '81 man. We suppose that this Alpha Gamma handed in his resignation before joining the Chi Phis.

The Alpha Gammas have about 5 men at Franklin and Marshall. They belonged to the chapter at Mercersburg, but when Mercersburg went under, the whole crowd came to Franklin and Marshall. Most of them wear pins.

Bro. Hottenstein, who was sick part of last term, has returned to his studies. He is the same old boy, and has changed his quarters to "Harbaugh Hall," campus.

The boys of Tau expect to initiate two or three men before long.

Your humble servant has been appointed regular CRESCENT correspondent. The work was too much for Bro. Snyder, who was in addition S. A. Bro. Coblenz has also been appointed alumni correspondent to assist Bro. Reber.

Bro. A. D. Elliot met recently quite a number of Sigma Chis from Princeton, at Philadelphia.

Bro. Harry Geissinger, '80, of Tau, is still quite sick. We all hope soon to see him in his usual good health.

The boys of Tau are on the lookout for a new hall suitable for a Grand Chapter. We think we can inform our brother Deltas in the next CRESCENT that we are settled.

Bro. A. D. Elliot saw Bro. Loucks, '81, of Princeton, during vacation. Bro. Loucks wishes to be remembered to the whole fraternity. The same brother saw Bro. Miller, '80, who is reading law in York, Pa.

It is said by some that the Alpha Gammas have a chapter at Franklin and Marshall. If they have, it will make the fifth fraternity represented at our college.

All the chapters in the First Grand Division are on a solid foundation.

Bro. D. Reiter filled Bro. Snyder's chair during the latter's absence.

Bro. Lowry, who is preaching near York, Pa., has taken unto himself a wife. "My numerous young Deltas be born to Tau."

A non-fraternity man in the Junior Class at Lafayette, spoke very highly of the men composing chapter Nu at that institution.

Bro. Bass Miller, of Tau, has a new badge, bordered with pearls and garnets.

Sincerely hoping that the other Divisions are in as good a condition as the First Grand Division,

I remain yours in $\Delta T \Delta$,

A. D. E.

THE UPSILON.

TROY, Jan. 14th, 1881.

Dear Crescent:—Happy New Year.

Though Chapter Upsilon has failed to write to the CRESCENT twice, we hope that our brothers will not think that we have quite forgotten them, and that we are lacking of activity, on the contrary we are making progress every day.

We are proud to say that the *Upsilon Star* is on the marching line with Rho's and Iota's *Chronicle*, and if any may wish to contribute to its columns they are open to all Delta Tau's.

During the holidays several of our boys visited the modest little town of Hoboken, where they were received with kindness and brotherly love.

Lately we had a flying visit from Park. We fear that very soon he will not be able to see us at all, as he is too deeply engaged with his future happiness. Park, do not forget the invitations.

Bro. Samper is doing well and is still working at the Roger's L. W.

With our new yell of *Bomba! Que se quema el Louvre*,

I am fraternally,

J. D. MASSES.

THE NU.

Nu inaugurated the new year in a propitious manner. Two more are linked into the bonds of $\Delta T \Delta$. They are Bros. E. A. Barden, Eldred, Pa., and A. R. Niles, Wellsboro, Pa., both of '84. They are excellent students and will make most excellent Deltas.

Bro. W. A. Seibert represents $\Delta T \Delta$ upon the editorial staff of the annual, *The Melange*. He is the only fraternity man upon the literary committee.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 12, Nu gave a farewell banquet to Bro. Chase, who starts on a trip to Colorado and California next week for the benefit of his health. Although he expects to return to college, yet he may possibly remain in "the wilderness." Bro. Chase joined us last fall and has ever since proved himself a *true Delt* in every word and deed. We therefore very much regret his departure. The banquet proved to be a little surprise for Bro. Chase and was the most enjoyable occasion Nu has ever had. Under the

skillful hands of Bros. Seibert, Schultz and Jerfass the board presented an excellent appearance. Headed by our resident Bro. Geiser, of T, the Magister Epularum, the fraters stepped a grand march to music by Bro. Seibert, ending in our chairs at the table. You all know how it goes when Delts get together at a banquet, this was no exception, and only proved anew that for a jolly set the Delta boys can't be beat. Space forbids me to give a list of the toasts, all most excellent, yet I cannot refrain from mentioning the fact that Bros. Strouse and Odemvelder were peculiarly happy in their remarks, so surpassing that the Mag. Ep. at once presented Bro. Strouse with a fine (sugar) cane, and the company unanimously resolved that Bro. Odemvelder's address be published in pamphlet form. I wouldn't dare hint at Bro. Schoch's mode of applauding, nor at "Dr." Walter's astonishing revelations of "what he knows of the ladies."

In short, the evening passed most pleasantly, bound us more firmly together, and shall ever be preserved foremost among our Delta memories.

We had the great pleasure on Wednesday of meeting one of Alpha's stalwarts—Bro. D. A. Gill, who stopped to see us on his return to Meadville. It always does our hearts good to meet our stranger-fraters, but it gives us especial delight and profit to meet men of Alpha. The impression that the successful management and fine appearance of the CRESCENT could give us of the *Manager* is fully borne out on a personal test. The boys of Nu found Bro. Gill a most *Royal Delt*, and were very sorry that he could not be persuaded to remain for our banquet in the evening.

Bros. Walter and Strouse paid a visit to the II boys at Lehigh last Saturday evening. They passed a very pleasant evening with them.

The last two numbers of the CRESCENT delighted the boys very much, and we hear "still there's more to follow." All right, let them come! M. J. B.

Second Grand Division.

THE MU.

After enjoying our Christmas holidays at our separate homes we returned invigorated to the sterner duties of college life. As a reaction to our pleasure we learned that Bro. G. A. Merrill '82 would not be with us this term on account of the serious illness of his mother. This, together with the absence of Bro. Gilbert Austin, who expected to remain out this term, and Bro. J. F. Close, reduces our number to six. This is our lowest number since our establishment, but we are by no means discouraged, for at least three of our boys will be with us again next term and as many more next year. In the fraternity world of the O. W. U. there have been but few

initiations this term. The seven fraternities keep every thing "worked up clean," even down to senior preparatory, so no one need despair of being a fraternity man if he has the slightest social qualities.

I suppose ere this is published that Chapter Chi will be founded and the Second Division be fully regenerated and united. Four delegates will go from here, stopping at Gambier on the way and at Wooster on return. The orator for Chapter Mu at banquet is Bro. C. E. Jefferson, who is back with us again this term. We anticipate a good time socially and intellectually, for the boys of Eta have sent us a kind invitation accompanied by a tempting programme. E.

Fourth Grand Division.

THE XI.

INDIANOLA, IOWA, Jan. 12, 1881.

Dear *Crescent*:—I have been promising myself to write to the CRESCENT ever since I returned from Convention, and now I shall try to make amends for neglect.

First, I wish to introduce to the fraternity our new members. There is N. B. Ashby, the "Thoughtful;" O. A. Kennedy, the "Sober;" W. T. Thompson, the "Fiddler;" Ray Labertew, the "Songster;" J. F. Conrad, the "Brigadier;" E. H. Oneal, the "Orator;" C. W. Johnson, the "Heathen;" R. O. Miller, the "Lady-Smasher;" P. O. Russelle, the "Pugilist," and B. S. Hull, the "Stately."

A year or so ago there was a local secret society of boys formed here, and last Fall we learned that it was about to get a charter from one of the large college fraternities, and so, as they were nearly all the right kind of boys, we went to work to take them in, and succeeded in getting the ones we wished, initiating seven at one time. We are in a flourishing condition, and each meeting is the cause of a night of rejoicing to us.

We had a huge time on Christmas night. We invited the ladies of the I. C. Sorosis here to meet with us. We gave them an entirely new and novel entertainment, and *immense* is a weak word with which to describe the kind of a time we had.

We shall graduate but one man this year, as nearly all of our boys are low down in the course, but as they are classical students, our anticipations for the future are brighter than ever.

We intend to increase the power of the CRESCENT until all will acknowledge her superiority; and will sing and shout her songs and joyous acclamations, within our college halls, until the very walls will take up the glad refrain, and echo and re-echo it, so that all who enter within their bounds will catch the glad spirit of the good old Delta Tau.

Fraternally,

R. P. COLLINS.

Alumni Notes and Personals.

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to min'?"
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And days o' lang syne?"

Bro. Will Parshall—twins—shake.

Bro. Lute Fuller is in the Bradford Exchange.

Bro. Geo. Wolf has removed his law office to Bradford, Pa.

Bro. Frank Officer, (A,) is cashier of a bank in Franklin, Pa.

Bro. A. J. McMillan, (A,) is a druggist in Allegheny City, Pa.

Walter Logan, (T,) is studying law with Lawyer Over, of Pittsburgh.

Ed. Allen, (N,) is in business with his father, in Franklin, Pa.

James B. Pierce, (P,) is a member of the Pierce Coal Co., operating at Sharpville, Pa.

Bro. M. B. McKinley, (A,) is sanguinely searching for the greasy fluid, in the Bullion district.

Bro. Will White, (A, '80,) is reading law with Wylie & Slagle, Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bro. George S. Davis (A,) has changed his place of business from Clarentown to East Hickory, Pa.

Bro. C. B. Mitchell, (A, '79,) of Burton, Kansas, has been initiated into some of the mysteries of masonry.

Bro. C. E. Locke, (A, '80,) was one of the speakers before the Trumbull County, O., Educational Association several weeks ago.

Bro. Herman Ray, (A,) has been appointed station agent on the Valley Road at Brecksville, Ohio, fifteen miles from Cleveland.

Bro. E. Q. Whistler, (A,) who has been attending Duff's Business College at Pittsburgh, passed a very creditable examination, and is now holding a professorship in that institution.

Bro. John White, (A, '78,) was recently admitted to the bar at Pittsburgh. In a class of seventeen, Bro. White was one of the successful twelve who passed a severe examination.

Bro. Al. Hallock (A,) is agent for a patent medicine firm of St. Louis, and is at present on a collecting tour through the West. He spent a few days with Bro. Mitchell, at Burton, Kansas.

Bro. Ernest A. Koester, (A, '76,) a very successful lawyer in Bradford, Pa., spent a few days with his friends in Meadville during the holidays. He is prominently spoken of as a candidate for Prothonotor of McKean county.

The boys at Gamma have a very enviable reputation with the young ladies at Wahington, Pa. The fair sex say the Deltas are not so fast, and are loud in the praises

of their many good qualities. The boys at Gamma evidently understand one of the teachings of Delta Tau Delta, and their pins are worn by the most desirable ladies.

Bro. L. L. Davis, (A, '78,) has taken unto himself a wife. He was married December 29th, 1880, to Miss A. B. Carter, at the residence of the bride in North East, Pa. Miss Carter was a member of the class of '80, at Allegheny College, and the happy couple have the best wishes of many friends. Bro. Davis is practising law in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. R. C. Bowling, (Tau., '76,) is now pastor of the Emlenton charge (Clarion, Pa., classis) of the Reformed church. Salem church, under his care, having undergone extensive remodeling, was dedicated anew November 28th. The *Reformed Church Messenger* says the interior of the church deserves special notice as being one of the finest in Clarion classis. It is adorned with stained glass windows, a beautiful chandelier, neatly frescoed walls and ceiling, pulpit recess, chancel and altar. The paper also adds that a new life pervades the congregation, and both pastor and people are working harmoniously and successfully together.

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The bride is a sister-in-law of Hon. Bro. Chas. Townsend, and with Miss Rae Henry as bridesmaid and Bro. Wilber Calvin as groomsman it was a "bang up" Delta affair all around. It is scarcely needless to add that it was a highly pleasant and agreeable occasion, and that the numerous guests were most generously and hospitably entertained, tarrying in most agreeable social intercourse until far into the night. A numerous collection of choice and useful presents will ever be a pleasant reminder to the bride and groom of the warm esteem entertained for them by their wide circle of friends. Bro. Fuller, accompanied by his bonny bride, returned almost immediately to his school, and none could wish him a greater continuation of present abundant success in his work, or a longer, happier and more useful life than his brethren in the bond.

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